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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE BY SON OF THE AMIR AT COMMAND AND
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE

1. ON MARCH 11, I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE INQUIRY ABOUT COURSES AT THE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, FT. LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, FROM BRIGADIER MOHAMMAD MAHMOUD AL-AFYOUNI, ASSISTANT COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE QATARI ARMED FORCES. BRIGADIER AL-AFYOUNI, A JORDANIAN ARMY OFFICER ON LOAN TO QATAR, ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE SHORT COURSES AT FT. LEAVENWORTH FOR A VERY IMPORTANT BUT UNNAMED QATARI. SPECIFICALLY, BRIGADIER AL-AFYOUNI WANTS TO KNOW HOW FREQUENTLY COURSES BEGIN AT FT. LEAVENWORTH, ON WHAT DATES THEY BEGIN, AND IF A SHORT COURSE OF FIVE OR SIX MONTHS DURATION IS STILL BEING CONDUCTED, A COURSE SUCH AS AL-AFYOUNI SEEMS TO RECALL FROM SOME YEARS AGO.

2. AL-AFYOUNI LEFT ME WITH THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT HIS INQUIRY WAS BEING MADE ON BEHALF OF SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, THE THIRD SON OF AMIR KHALIFA, WHO HAS BEEN ACTING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AS DE FACTO CHIEFHQ OF THE QATARI ARMED FORCES. ABDULLAH, A PERSONABLE YOUNG MAN IN HIS EARLY TWENTIES, HAS COMPLETED A COURSE OF STUDY AT THE BRITISH MILITARY ACADEMY AT SANDHURST. MANY LOCAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT ABDULLAH IS BEING GROOMED TO BECOME THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE QATARI ARMED FORCES.

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3. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO MAKE AN EARLY INQUIRY AND INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ABDULLAH AT FT. LEAVENWORTH. IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE VERY MUCH IN OUR LONG TERM INTERESTS FOR SHEIKH ABDULLAH TO HAVE COMPLETED A COURSE AT THE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE, AN ASSIGNMENT THAT HE OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT UNDERTAKE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF HIS FATHER, THE AMIR.
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